

109 Glenwood Boulevard,

Schenectady, N. Y.,

Dec. 16, 1922.

My dear Commersford:

Yours of the 9th was duly received; but one thing after another has delayed reply, and want of urgency made this the more excusable in my eye.

No doubt the "Muelo Park Memorial" will continue to "simmer" for some time to come. But if the old machine shop bricks are to be utilized in it, we would all breathe easier, if a lien by purchase of them is obtained, before the present owner may see fit otherwise to dispose of them.

Well, the Edison Medal has just gone to Millikan, as you surmised it would. The award is a good one - a deserving scientist is rewarded, and at the same time the Medal is kept pure gold and not debased by the award to ~~to~~ one of secondary achievements and immoral standing in the ethical sense.

The question as to whether it could properly be awarded to a big central station and public utility man, in the light of the Deed of Gift, admits of much, and deep, thought. The idea need not be dropped, but should be kept alive and discussed until settled for good. To run away from the question is not manly ^{or business} - to answer it definitely and finally is only right and proper.

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Suggestively, i:- The big central station and public utility prospective candidate must above all be admittedly a big electrical engineer, not necessarily in discovery of fundamental laws or "effects", or in machine and apparatus invention and design, but in a correct apprehension of their nature and function, and of such interrelation as exists between them, that he may combine ^{and manage} these things to a successful end for big utility application to the great benefit of the community.

Now I put this question for consideration, discussion and settlement:- If an engineer has done the above things, has he performed a "meritorious achievement in Electrical Science or Electrical Engineering or the Electrical Arts" (under the Edison Medal Deed of Gift), entitling him to the Medal; has his correct apprehension of the nature and function and interrelation of electrical laws and devices, which enabled him successfully to combine and manage the whole to a big benefit to the community been a "meritorious achievement in ~~Electrical Engineering~~ ^{Electrical Engineering}", in the Edison Medal sense?

Go ahead and get the question answered by the right men, including those on the Edison Medal Committee.

With a Merry Christmas,

Sincerely yours,

Chas. L. Leake.

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